Accord with Canada in regard to the Air Services

*204. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accord in regard to the air services with Canada has recently been signed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir,. An accord has been signed with the Government of Canada on 10th February, 1987.

(b) Air India have acquired access to Toronto without having to operate compulsorily to Montreal.

Air India have secured three points beyond Toronto.

Seating capacity entitlements for the two carriers have been rationalized.

A commercial arrangement has been signed between the two airlines in the event of unilateral operations by Air Canada to India.

Demands of the private bus operators under the DTC

*206. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the demands of the private bus operators under the DTC which prompted them to go on one day's token strike on the 12th January, 1987; and

(b) the action taken by Government on those demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Private Operators had been demanding increase in the rate of hire-charges payable to them as revised on 8-1-1987.

(b) The operators have since accepted the revised rates.

Conversion of the Rupsa-Banipada-Bangriposi rail line into Broad Gauge

*209. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the Rupsa-Banipada-Bangriposi narrow gauge line into Broad gauge line under the South Eastern Railway; and

(b) whether any survey was conducted for this purpose; if so, what is the result of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge line into Broad Gauge was completed in 1981. The project was found to be financially unremunerative.

Road accidents in Delhi

*211. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether road accidents continue unabated in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that such accidents are on the increase, partly due to the unplanned and unscientific construction of road dividers, high kerbs, too many traffic lights and speed-breakers in Delhi; and

(c) whether representative traffic Advisory Committees are proposed to be set up in the four Zones in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The number of road accidents per thou-